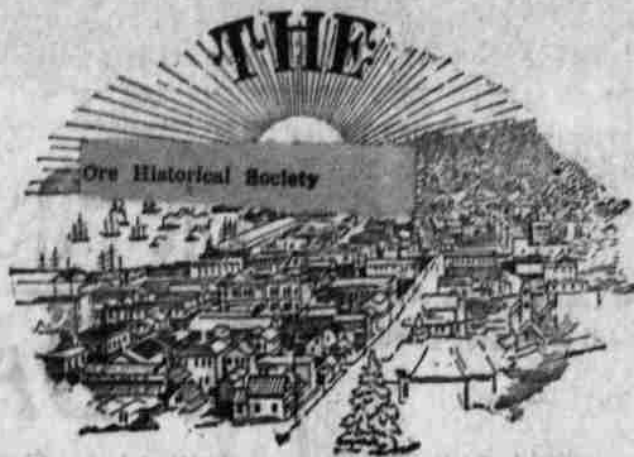


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## SEAT OF WAR

**20,000 Japanese Landed at Dainy.**

## RUSSIAN SQUADRON

**Nebogatoff's Squadron Reported Waiting for Black Sea Reinforcements.**

## NOTHING FROM JAPANESE

**Six Additional Divisions of Troops Forming in Japan to March Against Vladivostok and Sakhalin, But Advance Is Halted for the Present.**

London, April 11.—A dispatch from Jibuti, on the gulf of Aden, to the Daily Mail says:

Nebogatoff's squadron was seen today cruising near Socotora. It is reported that he is awaiting reinforcements from the Black sea fleet.

Gunabu Pass, April 11.—There were a number of skirmishes last week between the Russians and Japanese scouting parties, but no actions of any serious consequence. The Chinese state with great positiveness that Kamamura's army, supported by Nogri's army, are moving in a northwesterly direction, aiming to cut the Russian communications with Vladivostok.

According to the same sources, 30,000 Japanese troops landed at Dainy March 28, and it is reported that six additional divisions are forming in Japan to operate against Vladivostok and Sakhalin. The Japanese now occupy the line of Sylsyatji, Chang Tufu and Katpangomu and the impression prevails here that the direct advance from the south has halted for the present at that line.

London, April 11.—The mystery of Rojevstevsky's whereabouts is still unsolved, and speculation on possibilities is the keenest. The favorite hypothesis is that his six battleships slipped past Singapore some time in the night, with all lights out. The Daily Telegraph's Singapore correspondent, cabling April 11, says:

All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, one battleship passed here Saturday. No ships of Tarevitch type were with the squadron.

## EQUITABLE IN COURT.

**Injunction Suits Instituted on Behalf of Stockholders.**

New York, April 11.—Today's proceedings before Justice Maddox in the supreme court of Brooklyn, on application of Franklin B. Lord for an injunction to restrain carrying out the plans of the Equitable Life Assurance Company for a mutualization plan, was enlivened by an attack made by Edw. M. Shepherd, counsel for Lord, on Francis Hendricks, state superintendent of insurance. Shepherd declared that Hendricks refused his client a hearing when the mutualization plan was under consideration, although at the same time he was in conference with the attorney of the society's officers.

Another feature of the hearing was the announcement made by George Zabriske, counsel for Charles W. Morse, that his client wished to intervene in the suit for Lord. Zabriske informed the court that his client owned 15 shares of Equitable stock. His request to intervene was agreed to by the other parties. Untermeyer gave a formal notice that he intended to intervene on behalf of James H. Hyde. The lawyers were given until Friday to file briefs.

## FARMERS OPPOSE PARDON.

**Kansas Violator of the Anti-Trust Law Desires a Pardon.**

Topeka, April 11.—Attorney General Coleman rendered an opinion to the effect that the farmers of the state are organized in violation of the anti-

trust laws. The matter was started by the Kansas grain dealers' association and the attorney general will be asked to bring proceedings against the farmers.

A. J. Smalley, secretary of the grain dealers' association, was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail for a violation of the anti-trust law. He has made an application for a pardon, which is being vigorously opposed by the farmers' organization. The agitation against the farmers was started by the grain dealers and is regarded as a retaliatory measure.

## TWO OFFICERS DROWNED

**Engineer Raymond and Officer Rand of Steamer Tacoma.**

Seattle, April 11.—It is reported that First Assistant Engineer Raymond and Chief Officer Rand of the steamship Tacoma were recently drowned by the capsizing of a small boat in the arctic ice floes.

While the Tacoma was imprisoned the two men rowed ashore and sent a cable to the local office notifying the owners of the ship's condition. On returning the Tacoma, it is said, both men were drowned. The news is not yet confirmed.

## NEW SUGAR FACTORY.

**To Be Established at Salt Lake and Western Idaho.**

Salt Lake, April 11.—A new sugar company is to be formed in this city for the purpose of establishing sugar factories in western Idaho, according to the Desert News. The new company will be incorporated about July 1. One factory will be located near Payette and another near Boise.

Both will be in operation by January, 1906. The new company is called the Western Idaho Sugar Company. Local men are the promoters and chief stockholders.

## JAPAN REORGANIZE

**Will Increase Army in Manchuria and Provinces.**

## SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND

**Fighting Men Will Be Placed in the Field and a Campaign Waged Against the Russian Forces and They Will Be Driven from Manchuria.**

Tokio, April 11.—Japan is meeting the Russian plan of re-organization and reinforcement of its Manchurian armies with an extensive expedition from its own military organization.

The details and figures are carefully concealed of what seem to be a plan to double the present army units, but it is reliably estimated that by autumn next the total military organization will exceed 1,000,000 men actually employed in the field. The fighting force is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, with increases largely in the infantry and artillery, although an enlargement in the cavalry branch is also contemplated.

As a result of the manufacturer at the arsenals in Japan together with captures and purchases of guns it is predicted that this year will see a Japanese artillery superior to that of the Russians, in quality as well as numerically, and it is confidently believed that the Russians will be incapable of overcoming these numerical disadvantages.

Wherever railway improvements are possible they will be carried out, when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city.

## DENIED LANDING.

**Sixty-Six Passengers on Manchuria Afflicted With Disease.**

San Francisco, April 11.—Sixty-six passengers who arrived by the steamship Manchuria have been denied a landing by United States Immigrant Commissioner North upon the recommendation of the federal quarantine officer.

They were found to be afflicted with trachoma and other contagious diseases.

## LAST HOLD UP

**Murderers of Messenger O'Neil Killed.**

## BANDITS ARE CAPTURED

**George and Vernon Gates of California Killed in New Mexico.**

## HELD UP OREGON EXPRESS

**On the Fifth of March a Saloon Was Held Up in New Mexico, the Murderers Were Pursued and in the Fight the Two Hold Ups Were Killed.**

San Francisco, April 11.—According to Detective Thacker of Wells Fargo & Co. the two Gates brothers, who held up the Oregon express at Copley in March, 1904, were shot and killed last month in New Mexico.

George and Vernon Gates were residents of Alameda County, Cal., and members of a very respectable family at that place, their father being a prominent mining man of Amador county. In March of last year the Oregon express was stopped at Copley and in their efforts to secure the treasure box, the highwaymen shot and killed Messenger O'Neil, who offered resistance. The thieves secured considerable booty and made good their escape although hotly pursued, the officers being closely on their trail several times. From information obtained from a number of sources the authorities were satisfied that the principals in the hold-up were assisted, so they declared, by James Arnett, alias Barnett. Rewards were offered for their capture and circulars asking for their arrest spread broadcast.

On the fifth of last month at Lordsburg, N. M., a saloon was held up by a number of masked men and the proprietor and visitors robbed. A posse was organized to arrest the thieves and the fugitives a few days later were overtaken at Separ, N. M., where a fight ensued and two of the suspects were killed. Detective Thacker was notified of the resemblance of the dead men to the Gates brothers, and he went to New Mexico to make an investigation. He has returned and says that from the description of the bodies and certain marks of identification on them he is convinced that the men who perished were the Gates brothers. Arnett is still at large.

## CHICAGO STRIKE.

**Meeting for a Peace Conference Productive of No Results.**

Chicago, April 11.—Offering to arbitrate everything in connection with the Montgomery Ward strike, with the exception of the garment workers' grievances, a committee of the Commercial exchange organization of Chicago employers, deadlocked with the representatives of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Teamsters' Union at the Grand Pacific hotel this afternoon.

The meeting adjourned with no peace in sight. Another conference will be held tomorrow.

## NARROW ESCAPE.

**Little Child Escapes Being Run Over By Train.**

Laramie, Wyo., April 11.—A little girl by the name of O'Connor has had a remarkable escape from death beneath the wheels of a locomotive. The child, with two others, was crossing the Union Pacific tracks on her way to school. Her companions passed in front of an approaching freight train and called to her to follow.

She hesitated and then, when the train was barely 10 feet away, made a dash. Directly in the center of the track her foot slipped and she fell on her hands and knees. The pilot of the locomotive struck her and threw her into the air, where she turned a complete somersault, and again fell on the track. The engineer meanwhile

had reversed, and the locomotive stopped with the pilot over the child's body. Had the engine gone another foot she would have been crushed to death. She was found to be severely bruised.

## TWO MEN KILLED.

**Union Miners Blow Up Nonunion Miner's Residence.**

Blossburg, Ala., April 11.—An explosion of dynamite today wrecked the houses of William Gale, colored, and a white man named Alexander, both nonunion miners.

A 10-year-old daughter of Alexander was killed and two other children in the same family were badly hurt. The explosives were placed on the front porch of Alexander's house. A strike of the miners has been on about Blossburg since last summer.

## VILARDO MURDER.

**Woman Accessory States That Her Husband Is Still in City.**

San Francisco, April 11.—The police this afternoon took Mrs. Torturici to the house where Vilardo was murdered and the room was inspected in her presence, but no developments further than the expression from the woman that she believed her husband was still in San Francisco.

The police deny the statement made concerning the reported prostration of Mrs. Torturici this afternoon. She walked to the carriage that bore her to the scene of the murder and tonight showed signs of improvement.

## Great Incoherence.

Chicago, April 11.—At a great chief's council of the Improved Order of Red Men today John W. Cherry of Norfolk, Va., was chosen great incoherence to succeed the late Thomas Watts of Montgomery, Alabama, and W. A. S. Bird of Topeka was elected great senior sagamore.

## CAPTURED A WOLF

**President Roosevelt Enjoying the Sport of Hunting Wolves.**

## WILL RETURN NEXT SATURDAY

**After a Red-Hot Chase After Wolves the President Sprang from His Horse and Leaped Upon a Struggling Wolf and Crowd Cheered Him.**

Fredrick O. T., April 11.—President Roosevelt says he is enjoying himself and his hunt more than any other single event before happening in his life and would not miss it for \$10,000. Yesterday he witnessed four wolves captured, three of which were taken by dogs and the fourth was captured alive by J. A. Abernethy, the famous wolf hunter. At the sight of the performance the president promised to duplicate the feat.

Today, after a red-hot chase, he sprang from his horse and leaped upon a struggling wolf, beset by dogs and the crowd cheered him lustily.

Up to date 12 wolves have been caught. The president is almost constantly in the lead of the horsemount, as he is furnished with the fastest horse in the country. Once today he ran upon a six-foot rattlesnake which leaped at him four times. He killed this with his 18-inch quirt. The president says he will remain here until Saturday.

## TRUNKS CONTAIN EVIDENCE.

**Incriminating to the Chicago Beef Trust.**

Chicago, April 11.—The investigation by the federal grand jury into the working methods of the alleged beef trust, is taking a much deeper and wider scope, it is asserted, on account of the result from the examination of the contents of the eight trunks taken yesterday from the safety vaults in the First National bank building.

When the trunks were opened, it is said, the entire secret transactions of the Aetna Trading Company, a corporation through which the secret business of the big packers was transacted, was revealed to the jurors, and as a consequence many new witnesses will be subpoenaed.

## BOY MURDERER

**Shoots and Kills His Stepfather.**

## THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

**William Stiz Killed at His Ranch Near Great Falls, Montana.**

## BOY ARRESTED BY SHERIFF

**The Cause of the Shooting Is Supposed to Be a Quarrel Between the Boy and His Stepfather and the Boy Shoots Stepfather Three Times.**

Great Falls, Mont., April 11.—A special to the Tribune from Malta, Mont., says:

Willie Armington, aged 13, shot and killed his stepfather, William Stiz, at his ranch east of town this morning. The boy was taken in charge by a deputy sheriff who would not let the boy talk about the crime. The cause of the shooting is supposed to be on account of a quarrel between the lad and his stepfather.

This morning the boy's mother put him out of the house to prevent further quarreling. When Stiz came out of the house the boy went to the back of the building and got a 22 rifle and shot at Stiz, who was standing at the gate. Stiz ran around the barn and down to the river and as he came back again the boy shot him again. He fell to the ground and the boy fired a third shot which caused instant death.

## THREE-CORNERED FIGHT.

**Salt Lake Bankers Want to Control Wells Fargo Bank.**

San Francisco, April 11.—A three-cornered fight among Salt Lake bankers to get control of the branch bank of Wells Fargo & Co. in the Utah metropolis, has been going on in this city for several days. This explains the presence in San Francisco of United States Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, former Senator Thomas Kearns, L. A. Hill and W. S. McCormick. Smoot and Hill are identified with the Desert National bank, the Mormon financial institution.

Kearns has charge of the bank of Republic, while Mr. McCormick has a large private bank.

The deal involves a large sum of money, and Messrs. Hill, Smoot, Kearns and McCormick have just submitted their bids to the local representatives of Wells Fargo & Co., who is going out will provide \$1,000,000 new cash. This amount has been underwritten.

## AFTER STANDARD OIL.

**Rockefeller May Need That \$100,000 to Pay Fines.**

Frankfort, Ky., April 11.—About 400 indictments charging the Standard Oil Company with a failure to take out a pedler's license as required by the Kentucky statutes, were returned by the Franklin county grand jury today. Similar indictments were returned recently in several other counties of the state.

## PRESIDENT CASTRO.

**Keen Interest in Washington Over Arbitration.**

Washington, April 11.—Keen interest exists in diplomatic circles regarding the sensational answer said to have been made by President Castro to Minister Bowen's latest request for arbitration of pending questions. The note is said to be undiplomatic and almost threatening in its wording.

## SAILORS' HOME.

**Fight for Control of the Institution Has Been Settled.**

San Francisco, April 11.—The fight for control of the Sailors' Home prop-

erty on Harrison and Spear streets in this city, which has been in progress for months, has been brought to a conclusion by the final passage of a city ordinance authorizing the mayor to lease the premises for five years at a nominal rental of \$1 per annum to the Sailors' Protective Society.

## GUESS HE'LL GET WELL.

**Yale Medical Student Undergoes Successful Operation.**

New Haven, Conn., April 11.—Edward P. Holton of Newport, R. I., a Yale medical student, who was suffering from a tubercular affection of the jugular vein, has had his throat opened by general hospital surgeons, who clipped out the affected portion of the vein and tied the two ends together. The patient rallied from the operation and will undoubtedly recover.

## LOST TWO TEETH.

**Awarded \$2500 Damages Against Railway Company.**

New York, April 11.—A verdict of \$2500 has been rendered by a supreme court judge against a street railway company here for the loss of two teeth by a passenger. The plaintiff in the case was knocked by a guard against whom he had been crowded.

The blow from the guard's fist destroyed two of his best teeth. Witnesses declared that the assault was unjustifiable.

## Thomas Orchestra.

Chicago, April 11.—Frederick A. Stock was today appointed director of the Chicago orchestra to succeed the late Theodore Thomas. The orchestra's name will be changed to the Theodore Thomas orchestra.

## Baseball Scores.

At Oakland—Portland 4, Oakland 3. At San Francisco—Tacoma 6, San Francisco 1.

## ARRAIGN MITCHELL

**Enters Plea of Not Guilty to Three Indictments.**

## DEMURRER TO THE FOURTH

**Five Others Indicted Enter Pleas in Abatement and the Argument Upon Abatement Pleas Has Been Set for Friday Before Judge Bellinger.**

Portland, April 11.—Senator John H. Mitchell was arraigned in the United States court today and pleaded not guilty to two indictments charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands. He also pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with unlawfully accepting money while a United States senator in violation of section 1782 of the revised Statutes.

This is known as the Futer Case. Mitchell entered a plea of abatement to the indictment charging him with having unlawfully accepted fees while United States senator through the firm of Mitchell and Tanner. This is known as the Kribbs case. The plea in abatement is based upon the allegation that seven members of the grand jury which indicted him were disqualified to act as such, and that District Attorney Heneys is disqualified in many ways, besides being prejudiced.

Ex-Special Agent W. D. Stratford also pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands.

W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks, Clarence B. Seachary and C. E. Glass, officers of the Butte creek land and livestock and lumber company, entered pleas in abatement similar to that entered by Mitchell. The hearing of the pleas has been set for Friday.

## Steel Cars Will Be Run.

New York, April 11.—Steel cars will soon be running on some of the surface lines in this city. The first of a large number ordered has been received, and will be put into service at once. Wood is used only for inside trimmings and even this is supposed to be fire proof.